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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Please amend this application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel Claim 11 without prejudice.

Please add the following new claims.

20 (New). A method of therapy against human immunodeficiency virus infection which comprises administering to a subject in need thereof an effective amount of a vector system as defined in Claim 1.